REMARKS

The above amendments are being submitted in response to the Notice of Allowance dated April 16, 2008, and prior to the payment of the issue fees. The Examiner will note that Applicant has canceled non-method claims 15-27 without prejudice herein, leaving allowed claims 1-14 still pending in the instant application. These amendments do not raise any new issues, nor do they require the application to be withdrawn from issue, and accordingly, the amendments are properly entered under 37 C.F.R. §1.312. It is Applicant's intent to file a continuing application directed to the canceled claims prior to issuance of the instant application.

In addition, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner provide a PTO-892 form to formally make U.S. Patent No. 6,725,264 to Christy of record in this application, and thus ensure that the reference will be listed on the front page of the issued patent. As the Examiner will recall, U.S. Patent No. 6,725,264 to Christy was addressed by the Board on pages 5 and 6 of the Decision on Appeal dated January 28, 2008; however, Applicant can find no official citation of this reference on the record. Applicant submits that the pending claims as they presently stand are novel and non-obvious over Christy, so the formal citation of this reference by the Examiner should not raise any new issues.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the foregoing, the Examiner may contact the undersigned at (513) 241-2324. Moreover, if any other charges or credits are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit Account 23-3000.

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